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FOR CHARLES N. VAN DOREN

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION PARIS INFO USDEL SECRETARY FROM SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: US/FRENCH TALKS ON NUCLEAR EXPORT MATTERS

REF: STATE 119267

1. MESSRS. DE LA GORCE AND DE BELLESCIZE OF FRENCH EMBASSY
MET WITH PM REPS VEST AND NOSENZO MAY 28 TO RESPOND TO THE
US REQUEST (REFTEL) FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO
THE JUNE 18 MEETING.

2. DE LA GORCE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM DE NAZELLE SAID
THAT BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON COCOM AND THE WESTINGHOUSE/
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FRAMATOME LICENSING ARRANGEMENT WERE VERY IMPORTANT TO

FRANCE AND THAT THEY WISHED TO HAVE TALKS ON THESE ISSUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

GEM DE LA GORCE SAID THAT THE SPECIFIC FRENCH CONCERNS WITH REGARD TO COCOM WERE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFEGUARDS ON NUCLEAR EXPORTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. THEY WOULD LIKE THE US TO DROP THIS AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LWRS, AND NOT RAISE OBSTACLES TO LWR SALES TO THE SOVIET UNION. WITH REGARD TO THE LANGUAGE OF THE WESTINGHOUSE/FRAMATOME LICENSING ARRANGEMENT, THIS REQUIRES US APPROVAL ON SALES TO THE COCOM EMBARGOED COUNTRIES. THEY WOULD LIKE THE LANGUAGE CHANGED TO HAVE FRAMATOME FALL UNDER FRENCH AND NOT US EXPORT POLICY. DESIRED EXPORT CONTROL WOULD THEN RESULT FROM COMMITMENTS FRANCE MIGHT AGREE TO IN THE CONTEXT OF MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR SUPPLIER UNDERSTANDINGS. THE FRENCH ARE CONCERNED THAT THE US CONGRESS MAY ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL BROADEN REQUIREMENTS FOR US APPROVAL BEYOND THE COCOM EMBARGOED COUNTRIES.

4. FYI: GOLDSCHMIDT INDICATED IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS AT THE APRIL 23 SUPPLIERS MEETING THAT THE FRENCH WERE TALKING TO THE SOVIETS ABOUT A SALE OF TWO FRENCH REACTORS, ONE FROM FRAMATOME. WESTINGHOUSE HAD TOLD ERDA INFORMALLY THAT THE EVENTUAL SALE COULD BE FOR AS MANY AS SIX TO EIGHT REACTORS. END FYI

5. DE LA GORCE SAID THE FRENCH SAW A LINKAGE BETWEEN RESOLUTION OF THESE ISSUES AND FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN MULTILATERAL NUCLEAR SUPPLIER EFFORTS TO REACH COMMON UNDERSTANDINGS ON NUCLEAR EXPORT POLICY. WHEN PRESSED ON THE MEANING OF THIS LINKAGE, DE LA GORCE ADDED THAT THE IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE MATTERS ARE RELATED BUT ONE IS NOT A QUID PRO QUO FOR THE OTHER.

6. DE LA GORCE SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF THE NEW DISCUSSION PAPER FOR THE JUNE MEETING IN LONDON, DE NAZELLE HAD JUST RECEIVED THE PAPER AND HAD NOT HAD TIME TO REVIEW IT CAREFULLY. THEY WOULD GET BACK TO US LATER CONCERNING WHETHER US/ FRENCH TALKS WERE DESIRED OR WHETHER VIEWS COULD BE
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7. ON THE SPECIFIC FRENCH CONCERNS, DE LA GORCE SAID THAT FRENCH EXPERTS LED BY M. GIRARD (OFFICE OF ATOMIC AFFAIRS, GENERAL DELEGATION FOR ENERGY) KNOWLEDGEABLE ON COCOM AND WESTINGHOUSE/FRAMATOME LICENSING WOULD BE IN OTTAWA JUNE 4 AND 5.

8. VEST TENTATIVELY AGREED TO A MEETING IN WASHINGTON
ON JUNE 6. HE INDICATED HOWEVER THAT THESE ISSUES
REQUIRED CONSIDERATION BY A NUMBER OF AGENCIES IN THE
GOVERNMENT. THUS THE MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE EXPLORATORY
IN NATURE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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